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1. IN ARTICLE ANNOUNCING NOMINATION OF CUTLER AS US AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE, ELIMA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT BOLOMBO NOTED THAT APPOINTMENT REFLECTED U.S. CONCERN FOR RESTORING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH HAVE ALWAYS EXISTED BETWEEN US AND ZAIRE.

2. ARTICLE ALSO RECALLS LOW EBB OF US-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS AT TIME OF COUP MANQUE AND NOTES THAT SLTOUGH MOBUTU HAD NOT PERSONALLY CONFIRMED ALLEGATIONS AGAINST US, EXPULSION OF AMBASSADOR HINTON HAD LEFT NO DOUBT (OF ITS COMPLICITY.) OFFICIAL US DENIAL, ARTICLE GOES ON, WAS NEVERTHELESS FOLLOWED BY CONCILIATION EFFORTS BY WASHINGTON WITH SENDING OF AMBASSADOR VANCE AND CUTLER ON "TWO" MISSIONS TO SEE MOBUTU.

3. AFTER SPECULATING ON RESIGNATION OF AMBASSADOR DAVIS AND APPOINTMENT OF NEXT ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, ARTICLE CONCLUDES CUTLER APPOINTMENT IS GOOD CHOICE IN VIEW HIS PARTICIPATION IN DELICATE DISCUSSIONS AFTER JUNE EVENTS, PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN AFRICA, AND CURRENT POSITION AS DIRECTOR X AF/C.

4. COMMENT: IT SHOULD BE RECALLED ELIMA WAS NEWSPAPER WHICH CARRIED JUNE EDITIORIAL BY EDITOR IN CHIEF THAT US CITIZENS WOULD NOT LEAVE ZAIRE ALIVE IF HARM CAME TO MOBUTU. WITHIN RECENT WEEKS HOWEVER, ELIMA HAS RUN SERIES OF ARTICLES
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